

# **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR RATING FINANCIAL REPORTING OF PUBLIC COMPANIES AND RATING THE PERFORMANCE OF ACCOUNTING FIRMS**

## **ABSTRACT**

5           The invention provides methods and systems for rating corporate financial reporting and systems and methods for rating accounting firms. According to one embodiment, public filing information for a company is obtained and separated into predetermined rating categories. The company is then rated in each of the rating categories as well as on an overall basis. According to another embodiment, an average financial performance rating of  
10 companies audited by an accounting firm is determined, financial information regarding the accounting firm is obtained, and the accounting firm is then rated.

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